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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claims 34, 40, 42, and 43 into independent form, which makes them allowable as indicated in the Final Action dated 12 August 2005. Consistent with the Final Action, Applicant has not entered the amendments submitted 12 October 2005.

This case is in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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CLOSING

Applicant has amended claims 29-31, 33, 34, 36-40, 42 and 43; and cancelled claims 28 and 35.. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 20-27, 29-34, and 36-43.

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede any basis for rejections or objections in the Office Action. For those rejections based upon a combination of references, there is no admission that the cited combinations are legally permitted, properly motivated, or operable. Further, with regards to the various statements made in the Office Action concerning any prior art, the teachings of any prior art are to be interpreted under the law. Applicant makes no admissions as to any prior art. The remarks herein are provided simply to overcome the rejections and objections made in the Office Action in an expedient fashion.

The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

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